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FOR: SILICON CARBIDE

SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND ITS

MANUFACTURING METHOD

PROVISIONAL ELECTION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the election requirement dated March 10, 2008, Applicants provisionally elect without traverse Species II, identified in the outstanding Official Action as corresponding to Figures 4 and 6(d), for further examination on the merits. Applicants identify Claims 13, 17, 20 and 21 as readable on the elected species. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected species.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that a full examination on the merits of Claims 13, 17, 20 and 21 be conducted.

Respectfully submitted,

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